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TRANSMISSION

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Washington, DC 20231

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2000, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims.

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--21. A method of transmission and reception of a scrambled data stream comprising:

transmitting a scrambled data stream to a decoder;

sending the scrambled data stream to a portable security module inserted in the decoder;

descrambling the scrambled data stream;

encrypting a descrambled data stream at a point of transmission using a first encryption key, wherein the first encryption key is dependant upon a variable known to both a transmitter and a decoder;

sending the encrypted data stream;

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